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Comments: Thanks for allowing me to comment.

Dead and dying trees are first and foremost NOT A FIRE HAZARD. They are essential habitat to a host of species and they eventually add to the soil. Wilderness by law is to be left to natural processes. Trees die from a number of reasons and they cycle back into the forest. On that journey they become homes, playgrounds, and cover from predators. There is NO reason to disrupt this natural cycle.

Chainsaws are mechanical devices that are not allowed in Wilderness. They should not be used for any reason in Wilderness, Recommended Wilderness or Wilderness Study areas. They should be kept out of Inventoried Roadless Areas as well. Pay loggers to hand saw the trees blocking trails like in traditional times which chainsaws did not exist. We need jobs not efficiency. We need Wilderness, quiet and solitude. You lose that with chainsaws buzzing.

The natural processes of Wilderness also includes risks. Put up a sign and let folks make their own decisions about walking near a snag. If folks are willing to walk around without a mask during a pandemic, there is no reason to "protect" them in Wilderness by cutting down habitat valuable snags.

All Wilderness areas should be removed from the project and no fire lines or cutting should be allowed near Wilderness.

Let a few places still feel like the wild wild west where anything can happen. You take away the adventure when you render the natural world "safe."

Again, follow the law. Allow natural processes, including dead, dying and insect infected trees decay and be a part of nature's wonder and balance.

Please rethink the project and rethink the idea of "hazardous trees."

Thanks for considering my comments.

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